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**Notice of Change of BLM Protest Period Dates
Port-Orford-cedar Final SEIS**

Dear Interested Party:

The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for Management of Port-Orford-cedar in Southwest Oregon has been mailed, and you probably received your copy during the week of January 19. The "Dear Interested Party" letter in the front of the FSEIS anticipated a January 9 release date, and provided dates for the BLM Protest Period. Those dates are changed as follows:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of availability in the *Federal Register* on January 23, 2004. This means the 30-day BLM Protest Period described in the "Dear Interested Party" letter will run through February 23, 2004. The BLM Record of Decision will not be signed before the close of the Protest Period and resolution of any protests. The notice of availability is brief. Another notice containing additional detail has been entered into the public record at EPA today, and will be published in the *Federal Register* early next week.

The Forest Service appeal regulations are different from BLM, and require a 30-day appeal period after the Record of Decision is signed, probably in early March. There is no protest or appeal period in affect for the Forest Service at this time.

If you have any questions, write, e-mail, FAX, or call me at the numbers/address listed below.



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